

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ray Weber was born on July 8, 1914, and Helen Weber was born on July 21, 1915, and an open house for Ray and Helen's birthdays will take place at the Avon Zion Lutheran Church on July 10, 2004; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ray and Helen married on April 16, 1939, and to that union six children were born, Charlotte, Wayne, Lonne, Lynette, Joyce, and Marlene; and,

Whereas, Helen taught school in the Menno area, Lesterville, Utica, and Dante for approximately 25 years; Ray was involved in farming, trucking, auctioneering, and was part owner of the Avon Livestock Auction Market, all of which required extensive travel throughout South Dakota and Nebraska; and,

Whereas, Ray and Helen enjoyed celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2004; and,

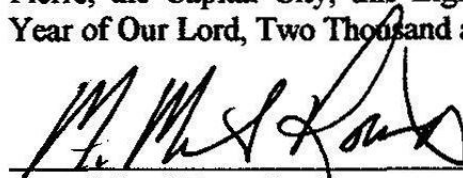
Whereas, Ray will observe his 90th Birthday and Helen will observe her 89th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such milestones warrant, as their friends and relatives gather on July 10, 2004, to honor them and celebrate their life and the camaraderie of the day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2004, as

RAY AND HELEN WEBER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all their friends and relatives in wishing them a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

